

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(currently amended). A composition comprising [a combination comprising at least one water dispersible polymer selected from the group consisting of vinyl acetate, vinyl acetate copolymers, vinyl acetate emulsion, polyvinyl acetate and] polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, water and at least one additive.

2(currently amended). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, at least one water soluble silicate and sodium chloride.

3(original). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

4(original). The composition of Claim 2 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

5(original). The composition of Claim 1 further comprising at least one water soluble silicate.

6(currently amended). The composition of Claim 2 [further comprising] wherein said at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

7(original). The composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition has a basic pH.

8(original). The composition of Claim 2 wherein said composition has a basic pH.

9(currently amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein said [water dispersible polymer] composition further comprises at least one of vinyl acetate and copolymers thereof.

10(currently amended). The composition of Claim 1 wherein said [water dispersible polymer] composition further comprises at least one vinyl acetate emulsion.

11(new). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, and sodium chloride and wherein the composition has a basic pH.

12(new). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the amount of water is at least about 70 wt.%.

13(new). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of defoaming agents, anti-microbial agents, surfactants, anti-freeze, dyes and thickeners.

14(new). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is substantially free of toxic components.